

AFRICAN DIASPORA HERITAGE MONTH ACT OF 2022

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of S. 5006 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 5006) to designate the month of September as African Diaspora Heritage Month.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 5006) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 5006

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “African Diaspora Heritage Month Act of 2022”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) the African diaspora population in the United States has grown significantly in recent years, with the number of African immigrants growing at a rate of almost 246 percent from 2000 to 2019;

(2) the African diaspora community is one of the most diverse communities in the United States, inclusive of people who speak multiple languages, whose rich heritage comes from all across the African continent, and whose members practice various faiths;

(3) during the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries, a significant number of enslaved people from Africa were brought to the United States;

(4) immigrants of African origin boast some of the highest educational achievements of any immigrant group;

(5) African diaspora households contribute billions of dollars to the economy of the United States, with an estimated \$10,100,000,000 in Federal taxes, \$4,700,000,000 in State and local taxes, and a spending power of more than \$40,300,000,000 in 2015;

(6) Sub-Saharan African immigrants living in the United States, Europe, and elsewhere sent back \$46,000,000,000 in remittances to the continent of Africa in 2021;

(7) Government agencies, including the International Development Finance Corporation, the Department of Commerce, the Department of the Treasury, and the United States Trade Representative are critical to investments and enduring mutual partnerships between the United States and African nations;

(8) in 2019, through the African Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.), the United States imported \$8,400,000,000 in goods, up 2.4 percent as compared to 2001;

(9) Prosper Africa and other similar Government initiatives are critical to building and strengthening ties between the United States and African businesses;

(10) the total two-way goods trade with Sub-Saharan Africa totaled \$44,900,000,000 in 2021, a 22 percent increase from \$36,800,000,000 in 2019;

(11) the African diaspora plays an invaluable role in shaping Government policy;

(12) members of the African diaspora have an invaluable understanding of cross-cultural engagement between the United States and Africa, existing relations and networks on the African continent, and can support efforts to facilitate stronger ties between the United States and Africa;

(13) the United States is committed to strengthening the government-to-government relationships between the United States and countries throughout the African continent;

(14) Congress strongly supports the United States hosting a second United States-Africa Leaders Summit in December 2022, and urges collaboration between the Government and the African diaspora community in the United States in advance, during, and after the Summit as an opportunity to strengthen ties between the United States and African nations;

(15) the African diaspora harbors a deep commitment to family and community, an enduring work ethic, and a perseverance to succeed and contribute to the society of the United States; and

(16) all members of the African diaspora in the United States deserve access to Federal resources and a voice in the Government of the United States.

SEC. 3. AFRICAN DIASPORA HERITAGE MONTH.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 36, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating the second section 146 as section 147; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“§ 148. African Diaspora Heritage Month

“(a) DESIGNATION.—September is African Diaspora Heritage Month.

“(b) PROCLAMATIONS.—The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation calling on the people of the United States, and the chief executive officers of each State of the United States, the District of Columbia, and each territory and possession of the United States are requested to issue each year proclamations calling on the people of their respective jurisdictions, to observe African Diaspora Heritage Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.”.

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 1 of title 36, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking the item relating to the second section 146 and inserting the following:

“147. Choose Respect Day.

“148. African Diaspora Heritage Month.”.

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PORTLAND THORNS FOOTBALL CLUB ON WINNING THE 2022 NATIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 869, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 869) commending and congratulating the Portland Thorns Football Club on winning the 2022 National Women's Soccer League championship.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed, and the mo-

tions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 869) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SECRETARY ASH CARTER

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 870, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 870) honoring the life and the legacy of Secretary Ash Carter.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 870) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 5244

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I understand that there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 5244) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2023, extending various health programs, and for other purposes.

Mr. SCHUMER. I now ask for a second reading, and in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, finally, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 14, and that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the

Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed, that upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to consideration of Calendar No. 640, S.J. Res. 60; further, that at 12 noon, the joint resolution be considered read a third time and the Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution; that upon disposition of the joint resolution, the Senate proceed to executive session for consideration of executive Calendar No. 1053, Francisco Mora, that the Senate vote on confirmation of the Mora nomination at 5 p.m.; finally, if any nominations are confirmed during Wednesday's session, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the provisions of S. Res. 870.

There being no objection, as a further mark of respect to the late Ashton Baldwin Carter, former Secretary of Defense, the Senate, at 8:23 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 10 a.m.

DISCHARGED NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations by unanimous consent and the nominations were confirmed:

CATHERINE J.K. SANDOVAL, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

STEPHEN A. OWENS, OF ARIZONA, TO BE CHAIRPERSON OF THE CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate December 13, 2022:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MICHAEL BATTLE, OF GEORGIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

JAY CURTIS SHAMBAUGH, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WILLIAM H. DUNCAN, OF TEXAS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR.

HEIDE B. FULTON, OF WEST VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE ORIENTAL REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY.

ROBERT J. FAUCHER, OF ARIZONA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SURINAME.

THE JUDICIARY

DANA M. DOUGLAS, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RACHNA SACHDEVA KORHONEN, OF NEW JERSEY, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE,

CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF MALI.

KENNETH MERTEN, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA.

JULIE D. FISHER, OF TENNESSEE, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS.

CHRISTOPHER T. ROBINSON, OF MARYLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA.

MANUEL P. MICALLER, JR., OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN.

KRISTINA A. KVIEN, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA.

HENRY V. JARDINE, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS, AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES.

BIJAN SABET, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC.

GEORGE P. KENT, OF MASSACHUSETTS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA.

PEACE CORPS

CAROL SPAHN, OF MARYLAND, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE PEACE CORPS.

CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

CATHERINE J.K. SANDOVAL, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

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